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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly on the occasion of the 50th  
5 anniversary of the organization's charter with the AFL-CIO; and

6           WHEREAS, Following the 1955 merger of the American  
7 Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial  
8 Organizations, the mergers of their central bodies had to be  
9 completed at the local level; on February 10, 1959, the AFL and  
10 CIO affiliates in Decatur merged to form the Decatur Trades &  
11 Labor Assembly; and

12           WHEREAS, The newly-created Decatur Trades & Labor  
13 Assembly, composed of several unions in the public and private  
14 sectors, pledged early on to play a strong role in the  
15 community; having pledged to come together as a central labor  
16 council, the Assembly established a committee structure that  
17 would support the council's activities; the Assembly chose  
18 William Moore, a member of IBEW Local 51, to serve as the  
19 group's first President; and

20           WHEREAS, The Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly has had a rich  
21 history of tireless efforts to help workers organize unions,  
22 win and enforce contracts, improve working conditions, and

1 create a sense of solidarity amongst workers; the Assembly has  
2 also published newspapers, promoted union labels, participated  
3 in political causes, educated the public on union issues, and  
4 supported striking workers; and

5 WHEREAS, The Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly has also  
6 promoted various charitable and civic causes, including blood  
7 drives for the American Red Cross, food drives for local food  
8 banks, "Get Out the Vote" efforts during elections, and various  
9 humanitarian efforts with the United Way; the Assembly also  
10 participates in various coalitions with faith-based groups and  
11 the NAACP, among others; and

12 WHEREAS, The Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly currently  
13 represents 35 affiliated unions and more than 14,000 union  
14 members and their families in Macon County; and

15 WHEREAS, The efforts of the Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly  
16 have been vital in the safeguarding of worker's rights in the  
17 City of Decatur and its surrounding areas; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate the members of the Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly  
21 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the organization's  
22 charter with the AFL-CIO and wish them continued success and

1 happiness in the future; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the members of the Decatur Trades & Labor Assembly  
4 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.